House Resolution No. 4015

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of six wondrous decades has passed since Walter Junior Keaton lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Evelyn Lorene Singleton, during a solemn ceremony on April 12, 1947, at St. Andrews Lutheran Church in University City, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Walter and Evelyn Keaton have had the pleasure of raising two daughters, Paula Jean Keaton and Donna Sue Schroeder, and a great-grandchild they consider their own daughter, Kristina Casagrand, and the privilege of spoiling six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Walter Keaton has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes serving three years in the South Pacific as a member of the United States Navy during World War II and one year as a member of the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict, and being a retired construction worker of thirty years and a member of the American Legion and the VFW; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Evelyn offered her children boundless emotional support, guidance, and understanding which enhanced their lives in countless ways and enabled them to become responsible citizens with families of their own; and

Whereas, during their sixty years together, Walter and Evelyn Keaton have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Keaton of Lebanon commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on April 12, 2007, in Branson:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Walter and Evelyn Keaton and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Walter Junior Keaton, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by	
	Representative Darrell Pollock
	District No. 146

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4015, adopted June 11, 2007.